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The office of the Society is removed to No. 9 Spruce-street, second story. N. B. Missionaries will please to take particular notice of this change when they make out their drafts.

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The Executive Committee will give reasonable notice of the time and place of the next Annual Meeting.

APPLICATIONS FOR AID.

Churches applying for aid, should accompany their application with a full statement of their circumstances, location, number, and strength.

When applications are made in behalf of ministers, satisfactory testimonials of their character and qualifications, will be required.

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CONSTITUTION

OF THE

AMERICAN BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY.

ARTICLE I. This Society shall be called the AMERICAN BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY.

ARTICLE II. The great object of this Society shall be to promote the preaching of the Gospel in North America.

ARTICLE III. Any person may become a member of this Society by contributing annually to its funds: thirty dollars paid at one time shall constitute a member for life; one hundred dollars paid at one time shall constitute a director for life; and any person on paying a sum which, in addition to any previous contribution, shall amount to one hundred dollars, shall be a director for life; and any Baptist Church or Association, or State Convention, or Missionary Society, that contributes annually to the objects of this Society, shall be entitled to be represented by one or more delegates in its annual meetings.

ARTICLE IV. The officers of this Society shall be a President, Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, an Auditor, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, and fifty Directors, who shall be annually appointed by the Society.

ARTICLE V. The Officers and Life Directors shall appoint an Executive Committee of thirteen persons, exclusive of the Treasurer, the Corresponding Secretary, the Recording Secretary and Auditor, residing in the city of New-York and its vicinity. The Treasurer, the Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary and Auditor, shall be members *ex-officio* of the Executive Committee, five of whom shall be a quorum at any meeting regularly convened. This Committee shall have power to appoint its own meetings, form its own rules of business, and fill any vacancies which may occur during the year, and convene special meetings of the Board and of the Society; shall appoint missionaries, and instruct them as to the field and manner of their labours; shall dispose of the funds for the objects of the Society, provided that all moneys contributed for any specific purpose shall be faithfully applied only to that particular object; shall create such agency or agencies for the appointment of missionaries and for other purposes as the interests of the Society may require; and shall make an annual report of their proceedings to the Society. All the Officers, Executive Committee, Agents and Missionaries of the Society shall be members of some regular Baptist Church, in general union with the body of that denomination.

ARTICLE VI. The Treasurer shall give bonds to such amount as the Executive Committee shall think proper.

ARTICLE VII. Any Baptist Missionary Society may become auxiliary, by agreeing to pay into the treasury of this Society the whole of its surplus funds, and sending to the Corresponding Secretary a copy of its constitution and annual reports, mentioning the names of its missionaries, and the fields of their operations.

ARTICLE VIII. Every Auxiliary Society who shall agree to pay the whole of its funds to this Society, shall be entitled to a missionary or missionaries, to labour in such field as it may designate, to an amount at least equal to that of its contributions: provided such designation be made at the time of payment.

ARTICLE IX. The officers of Auxiliary Societies shall be *ex-officio* Directors of this Society, and their members shall be members of this Society.

ARTICLE X. The annual meeting of the Society shall be held at such time and place, as the Society shall determine at a previous annual meeting, or as the Executive Committee shall determine.

ARTICLE XI. No alteration of this Constitution shall be made without an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members present at an annual meeting; nor, unless the same shall have been proposed at a previous annual meeting, or recommended by the Executive Committee.

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Hezekiah Shailer, by M. S. in Literary Institution, Suffield, Connecticut
 Rev. N. W. Smith, by 2d Baptist church, Nashua, New-Hampshire
 " Joseph Shepherd, Mount Holly, New-Jersey, by his church and congregation
 " *Henry Smalley, Cohansey, New-Jersey " "
 " S. F. Smith, Waterville, Maine " "
 " Horace Seaver, Warren, " "
 " Silas Stearns, Bath, " "
 Mr. Isaiah Spalding, Chelmsford, Massachusetts
 *Hon. Oliver Starkweather, Pawtucket
 Mr. Charles Sked, A. M.
 Rev. Peter Sparks, by the church and congregation, Lyon's Farms, N. J.
 " James M. Stickney, by the church and congregation, do
 " Joseph Smith, by the church and Society at Fruit Hill, Rhode Island
 Mr. Asa F. Smith, Newton, Upper Falls
 Thomas Shaw, Esq. Boston
 Aaron J. Spirey, Brownsville, Tennessee
 Edmund B. Skinner, Perquiman's county, North Carolina
 Mrs. Elizabeth Sutton, Britton's Cross Roads, do
 Rev. Reuben Sawyer, New-London, N. H. by his church and congregation
 Mrs. Harriet Saunders, by her husband, William Saunders, Lancaster county, Va.
 Letitia M. Stout, by her husband, Wm. Stout
 Samuel Smith, Salem, N. J. by his church
 Rev. D. B. Stout, Middletown, N. J. by his church

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Mr. J. P. Turney, Fairfield, Connecticut, by Mrs. Lydia Sherwood
 Reuben True, Esq. by church in Jeffrey
 Rev. Joseph D. Taylor, by the Stephentown Association
 Mr. Thomas Thomas, New-York
 Mrs. S. S. Thompson, Pittsborough, North Carolina
 Lewis W. Thompson, Britton's Cross Roads, North Carolina
 Frederick Tucker, Stony Creek, Virginia
 Osgood True, Plainfield, New-Hampshire
 Rev. Peter Thurston, of New-York city, by E. Cauldwell, Esq.

V

James Vanderpool, Esq. Newark, New-Jersey
 *Rev. Ashley Vaughn, by church and congregation at West Troy, New-York
 " Charles Van Loon, by W. Soulden, Esq. of Albany

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Rev. S. White, by Baptist church and congregation, Staten Island, New-York
 Mrs. E. White, by do do
 " D. B. L. Wade, Burmah
 Rev. O. Winslow, by Youth's D. M. S. Brooklyn, New-York
 Nathan Waterman, jr. Esq. Providence, R. I. Sunday School, 1st church
 William Winterton, Esq. New-York city
 Mr. Edward Windust do
 Mr. Robert F. Winslow, do
 Rev. John Walker, Sutton, Massachusetts, by his church
 " Daniel Wildman, New-London, Connecticut, by his church
 " Rev. Stephen Wilkins, Galway, New-York, by his church
 " G. S. Webb, New-Brunswick, New-Jersey " "
 " Isaac Westcott, Stillwater, New-York " "
 " Jonathan Wade, Burmah, by Enon Baptist church, Cincinnati, Ohio
 " Adam Wilson, by Ladies of Baptist church in Saco, Maine

Rev. Daniel Williams, by Amity-street church, New-York
 Mr. Elijah Withington, New-York
 Isaac D. Wilson, Esq. Society Hill, S. C.
 Mrs. Elizabeth Williams,
 Ransom Warner, M. D. by the East Baptist church, New-York city
 Rev. Warham Walker, Shaftsbury, Centre, Vt. by his church and congregation
 John Wood, Hertford, N. C.
 Wm. J. Wright, Portsmouth, Virginia
 Rev. D. S. Williams, Clinton, N. C.
 Mrs. J. T. Wood, Hertford, N. C.
 Edward C. Wilson, Elizabeth city, N. C.
 A. Williams,
 Mrs. Sarah Whidden, Calais, Me.
 Mrs. Mary D. Woodward, by her husband, Wm. P. Woodward, Middlesex county, Va.
 J. G. Wasson, Esq. by the 1st Baptist church in Albany
 Mrs. Elizabeth Walker, by Baptist Church Marcus Hook, Pa.
 Joel Walton, Virginia, by himself

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The American Baptist Home Mission Society held its Seventh Anniversary in the Meeting house of the Fifth Baptist Church, in Sansom-street, Philadelphia, April 26, 1839.

Heman Lincoln, President, in the chair.

The President made an affectionate introductory address to the Society.

Prayer by brother Stephen Chapin, of the District of Columbia.

Ministering brethren were invited to a seat with the Society, and to assist in its deliberations.

Resolved, That a Committee on elections be appointed.

The Committee consist of brethren J. C. Harrison, of New-Jersey, John Cookson, of Connecticut, Charles O. Kimball, of Massachusetts, George F. Adams, of Maryland, and J. A. Warne, of Philadelphia.

Resolved, That a Committee on nominations be appointed.

The Committee are brethren William Colgate, of New-York, L. Farwell, of Massachusetts, Rufus Babcock, Jr. of Pennsylvania, Greenleaf S. Webb, of New-Jersey, and John A. Miller, of New-York.

Resolved, That a committee consisting of brethren B. Stow, C. G. Sommers, and Eli Ball, be appointed to draft a respectful notice of our late Secretary, brother Luther Crawford.

The Treasurer read his annual Report.

As the Auditor was absent, it was *Resolved*, That brethren R. Pegg, of New-York, and R. W. Cushman, of Philadelphia, be a Committee to audit the Treasurer's account.

John C. Murphy read extracts from the annual report of the Executive Committee.

Brother J. B. Taylor, of Virginia, presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That the report which has just been read, be accepted and printed, under the revision of the Executive Committee.

Brother Taylor, supported the above resolution by a very acceptable address.

He remarked the destitution of our country, and stated that Louisville, with a population of 30,000 persons, had, until recently, but one Baptist Church. He said that the Society was justly appreciated in Virginia, and urged the importance of extending its efforts, from a consideration of the responsibility resting on us, as the supporters of the ordinances, as they were delivered to the Saints. Adverting to the cause of Home Missions in Virginia, he said that a few years since, they could support only three or four months missionary labour, but that they are now able to employ thirty or forty missionaries nearly the whole year.

Brother J. S. Bacon, of Massachusetts seconded the resolution, and sustained it by considerations drawn from the importance of the field occupied by the Society. Although he declined making a speech, he regarded the operations of the Society as sustaining an important relation to Foreign Missions. He thought our efforts were illustrated by the influence which internal improvements exert on foreign commerce; and that Foreign Missions would not succeed without the cultivation of the field at home. *He had visited a place on the Mississippi, at which, parents and children and grand children, had resided for fifty years without hearing a single sermon.* Adverting to the success with which our exertions had been blessed, he said, the Lord has done great things for us for which our hearts are glad; but the Society must extend its operations.

The resolution passed unanimously.

Brother R. Babcock, Jr. of Pennsylvania, presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That as Home Missions promote whatever is most dear to patriotism, philanthropy, and religion, the condition of society, the destitution of numerous Churches, the principles and prosperity of our denomination, and the commands of God, require of us the promulgation of the gospel in our own country.

In support of this resolution he dwelt upon our love to our country, fellow creatures and race; and stated that our attachment to God and his service, was still greater. He considered the origin of our country, and its bequest to us by our Fathers as showing that our obligations were great, to bestow upon it much labour. He thought that the paper constitutions of our land, (however excellent) could not be confided in with safety, without the prevalence of the principles of peace, order and religion. The religion of this country had been benefited by exposing the membership in Churches by birthright. He spoke of the destitution of the gospel ministry in our land, and specified a very interesting case, as existing among our brethren at Dubuque, Iowa Territory.

The resolution was seconded by brother D. Sharp, of Massachusetts.

He supported it by saying that he was attached to the Society; attended its formation, watched its progress with interest, and prayed to God that its prosperity may be promoted. The gospel ministry promotes *indirectly*, whatever is dear to patriotism; Christ and his Apostles were not political reformers. The removal of evil led people to do what is right. The condition of our country requires the influence of the gospel; disseminate therefore, those principles which lead men to live soberly, righteously and godly. The resolution contemplates the promotion of philanthropy. Where do you find the humane institutions? It is where the gospel is preached. We have an institution which is not national (in a legal sense,) but, designed to promote the prosperity of the nation. Much is said about faith and works. He related the fable of the wagoner, who called upon Hercules; and insisted that if we prayed, we must put our shoulder to the wheel; Paul may plant and Apollos may water, but God gives the increase. The speaker stated that he had a high esteem for Oliver Cromwell, to whom justice has rarely or never been done. He proceeded to illustrate the union of faith and works, by remarking, that as he was about to lead his troops to action on a rainy day, he directed them to *trust in God and keep their powder dry*. Where do you find more philosophy than this? The application was obvious; and it is hoped our friends will be wise to overcome difficulties in all their attempts to do good.

Brother L. Bolles, of Massachusetts, arose to add his testimony to that of his brethren. He was unwilling to leave the meeting without expressing his sentiments in behalf of the Society and its operations. He believed in the doctrine of faith and works. To illustrate this doctrine, he related an anecdote which he received from the good man (Dr. Staughton) who used to preach in this place.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

Resolved, That we adjourn to meet in this place, at 3 o'clock, P. M.

Prayer by brother John Peck, of New-York.

The Society met at 3 o'clock, P. M.

Prayer by brother D. Dodge, of Philadelphia.

The Committee on elections, reported the following persons as entitled to seats in the society. The report was accepted and the Committee was discharged.

Delegates from Auxiliaries to the American Baptist Home Mission Society.

From the New-Hampshire State Convention, Thomas Rand.

Massachusetts State Convention, Daniel Sharp, C. O. Kimball, Irah Chase.

Baptist Church of Lynn, Massachusetts, Joel S. Bacon.

Rhode Island State Convention, John Dowling.

First Baptist Church, Providence, R. I., M. M. Dean.

Connecticut State Convention, J. G. Collom, J. Cookson.

New-York State Convention, Alfred Bennett, John Peck, P. B. Peck, E. L. Taylor, D. G. Cory, Joshua Fletcher, John H. Raymond.

Oliver-street Female Home Mission Society, S. H. Cone, J. C. Murphy, J. H. Raymond, R. Pegg.

Baptist Youths' Domestic Mission Society, N. Y., C. W. Houghton, Thomas Rand.

Brooklyn Home Mission Society, Silas Ilsley.

Saratoga Baptist Association N. Y., J. Fletcher, N. Fox.

New-Jersey State Convention, G. S. Webb, J. C. Harrison, Morgan J. Rhees, Daniel Dodge.

Pennsylvania State Convention, J. M. Linnard, W. Shadrach.

Maryland Union Association, G. F. Adams, W. Crane.

General Association of Virginia, J. B. Taylor, Eli Ball.

The Committee to audit the Treasurer's account, reported that they had examined it and found it correct; and, that there remained in his hands, in money and drafts, &c. ten hundred and thirty-six dollars and nine cents. See the abstract of the Treasurer's report at the close of this report.

Brother Alfred Bennett, addressed the Society, with his usual felicity, on the importance of sending Ministers to the West. We need men of piety and talent, such as are adapted to produce an impression on the community. Much has been said on this subject, but we must go to the book of *acts*, and not merely to the book of *resolutions*. This is demanded by the extent and importance of the field we occupy, for the *West* is already on the other side of the Mississippi; and the people there are talking of going to the mouth of the Oregon to settle.

Brother S. H. Cone presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That the rapid increase of population in the Valley of the Mississippi, together with the solicitations for aid, alike importunate and numerous, which are addressed to the Society, imperiously require the enlargement of our operations.

On the subject of patriotism, he felt the deepest interest. His ancestors were puritans: one of them was a follower of Oliver Cromwell, he felt a strong attachment to civil and religious freedom.

The population of the West, will soon be a majority of the inhabitants of this country; and this shows the importance of preaching the gospel to them, as this is the only effectual safe-guard to our civil institutions. The solicitations are not more numerous than importunate and pathetic; they come directly to the heart! The request often and earnestly presented, is, Will you send us a missionary? If you can give him one hundred dollars, that will enable him to hire a man to work his farm; and then he can preach the gospel to the destitute. To how many such applications have we been obliged to say no: we have no funds, no; no!

Brother Thomas Powell, one of our missionaries, was happily settled in Saratoga county, New-York. There was no necessity for his removal; the people of his charge were desirous of his stay, but he said, looking at the destitution of the great valley, if you will sustain me, I will go. In the West, he met with a sister who formerly belonged to the Church with which he was united when he was baptized. Their meeting was affecting. Her family had settled there before the Indian title was extinguished, and she had regularly maintained family worship ever since. The first individual baptized in that region was one of her children, and a Baptist church has been organized in the vicinity. Another case of the privations incident to a removal to the West, was related. It excited great interest, by the piety and suffering, of which it presented strong evidence.

The day after one of the monthly concerts in Oliver-street, a man and wife addressed a letter to brother Cone, enclosing sixty dollars. They remark,—“we wait on your ministry; we are not Christians, but we hope we may become Christians. We heard you say that sixty dollars would support a missionary; we went home, and have concluded to give that sum; and as long as we live, and we have sixty dollars you may expect it annually, to support a missionary somewhere.” The heart would indeed be hard that did not feel on such a subject, hard, compared with the *heart which the spear of the Roman soldier pierced*.

Brother Eli Ball, seconded the resolution, and it passed unanimously. The committee on nominations reported.

The Committee on nominations, to whom was referred the nomination of a list of officers for the ensuing year, beg leave respectfully to submit the following report.

President.

HEMAN LINCOLN, of Massachusetts.

Vice-Presidents.

Joseph Wenham, Upper Canada.
Henry Hoyle, Lower Canada.
Jarvis Ring, N. Brunswick, N. S.
Edward Manning, Nova Scotia.
A. Shaw, Maine.
Josiah Quincy, New-Hampshire.
I. H. Cotton, Vermont.
N. H. Bottom, “
James H. Duncan, Massachusetts.
George N. Briggs, “
Jonathan Bachelier, “
Jefferson Borden, Rhode Island.
John Dowling, “
Albert Day, Connecticut.
Friend Humphrey, New-York.
John B. Halsted, “
William Winterton, “
Archibald Maclay, “
Peter P. Runyon, New-Jersey.
James Vanderpool, “
Joseph S. Walters, Pennsylvania.
William Duncan, “

Joseph Miles, Pennsylvania
William Crane, Maryland.
James Wilson, “
I. Withers, District of Columbia.
Jesse Snead, Virginia.
V. M. Mason, “
Thomas Meredith, North Carolina.
I. K. Griffin, South Carolina.
Thomas Stocks, Georgia.
Edward D. King, Alabama.
Thomas N. King, Mississippi.
Morgan Bryan, Louisiana.
Jos. H. Marshall, Tennessee.
C. Wingate, Kentucky.
Jeremiah Vardeman, Missouri.
B. F. Edwards, Illinois.
Isaac Dimmick, “
Jesse L. Holman, Indiana.
Francis Dunlavey, Ohio.
Luther D. Barker, “
Caleb Eldred, Michigan.

HENRY JACKSON, *Corresponding Secretary.*

AARON PERKINS, *Recording Secretary.*

RUNYON W. MARTIN, *Treasurer.*

JOHN R. LUDLOW, *Auditor.*

Directors.

E. E. Cummings, New-Hampshire.	Rufus Babcock, Pennsylvania
Elijah Hutchinson, Vermont.	H. G. Jones, "
D. Packer, "	J. H. Kennard, "
Baron Stow, Massachusetts.	William Young, Delaware.
Joel S. Bacon, "	Stephen P. Hill, Maryland.
Lucius Bolles, "	Stephen Chapin, District of Columbia.
Irah Chase, "	J. B. Jeter, Virginia.
F. A. Willard, "	W. F. Broadus, "
Francis Wayland, jr., Rhode Island.	W. T. Brantly, South Carolina.
J. C. Welch, "	Richard Fuller, "
John Cookson, Connecticut.	W. B. Johnson, "
Nathaniel Kendrick, New-York.	Jesse Mercer, Georgia.
S. H. Cone, "	Basil Manly, Alabama.
B. T. Welch, "	Robert T. Daniel, Mississippi.
B. M. Hill, "	David Orr, Arkansas.
J. Smitzer, "	R. B. C. Howell, Tennessee.
E. Tucker, "	S. M. Noel, Kentucky.
Henry Jackson, "	R. T. Dillard, "
Lewis Leonard, "	T. P. Green, Missouri.
Elon Galusha, "	Alva Woods, "
John Peck, "	Hubbell Loomis, Illinois.
Elisha Hayward, "	John M. Peck, "
M. J. Rhees, New-Jersey.	T. R. Cressey, Ohio.
G. S. Webb, "	S. W. Lynd, "
Daniel Dodge, Pennsylvania.	John Booth, Michigan.

Executive Committee.

Spencer H. Cone,	Jacob H. Brouner,
Charles G. Sommers,	William Winterton,
Duncan Dunbar,	Timothy R. Green,
William R. Williams,	William Colgate,
George Benedict,	John A. Miller,
Aaron Perkins,	James H. Townsend.
Silas Ilsley,	

Henry Jackson,
Aaron Perkins,
Runyon W. Martin,
John R. Ludlow. } *Ex-Officio.*

The report was accepted, the Committee was discharged, and the preceding list of officers were elected.

It was *Resolved*, that the Society elect a Corresponding Secretary, and Recording Secretary. After the votes were counted, it was declared, that Henry Jackson was elected Corresponding Secretary, and Aaron Perkins, Recording Secretary. Their names were accordingly inserted in the list of officers.

The committee appointed to prepare a notice of the decease of brother Luther Crawford, presented the following report.

The committee appointed to prepare a suitable notice of the decease of the late Corresponding Secretary, respectfully submit the following

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That this Society, cherishing a most affectionate remembrance of the intellectual and moral worth of the Rev. Luther Crawford and fully sympathizing in the fond anticipations which his brief career had awakened of extensive usefulness, regard his removal as an affliction of no ordinary magnitude.

Resolved, That while we would bow submissively to the will of our Heavenly Father in this painful event, and feel ourselves admonished to be ever ready to render an account of our stewardship, we consider it as incumbent on us to labour with increased vigour and devotedness for the advancement of the cause which has thus been bereaved of one of its most promising and efficient advocates.

For the committee,

BARON STOW, *Chairman*.

Resolved, That when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet in this place this evening, to hear the annual sermon, by brother Baron Stow, of Boston.

Resolved, That we adjourn.

The Society met this evening in the meeting house in Sansom-street, and brother Stow preached the Annual Sermon, from Ps. viii. 5. "Thou madest him a little lower than the angels."

The assembly was large, and listened with great interest and gratification to the Sermon. At the close of the service a collection was taken up for the Society, including the avails of jewelry sold, amounting to eighty-two dollars and twenty-four cents.

JOHN C. MURPHY, *Secretary*.

ANNUAL REPORT.

THE Lord who gave the word of life to man, organized the great company whom He commissioned to publish it to all nations. The first in this commission were the holy men of old, who spake as they were moved by the Holy Spirit : to them succeeded the apostles of Jesus Christ, and to them the ministers of the gospel ; and those generous men, who desiring to do good unto all men, and deploring their imbecility, called upon the name of the Lord for strength, and blended their counsels, means, and exertions together, that thus by augmenting their strength, they might send the gospel to the most distant regions of this world's darkness and death. In this concentration of their energies by the servants of God, instrumentalities are formed, at once the most benevolent in their design ; the best adapted to elicit the talents and to enlarge the facilities for doing good, of all who consecrate themselves to the service of God. By action thus concerted and increased, in the number and strength of its motives, and in the power of continuance, it has pleased God to send out his light and truth to the various portions of our own country, and to foreign lands.

It is believed to be perfectly compatible with a strong and enlightened attachment to every good institution, to assert, that the preaching of the gospel is the form of effort directly enjoined in the command of Jesus Christ. Nor has it escaped observation, that the preaching of the gospel by missionaries, is the most benevolent mode of its publication ; whether we regard the people who are generally addressed, as more ready to perish than others, the amount of means liberally appropriated, especially for the benefit of others, or the toils and privations endured in journeys through a sparse, or in encountering the hostility of a dense population.

Of other bodies, it has been popularly said, that they have no souls ; but, the mission society is an association of souls ; an association in which the intellectual and moral faculties are united with the spiritual affections, and while with *light* and *truth* and *spirituality*, the gospel is preached. Other bodies die, like human bodies, from which perhaps they derived their distinctive appellation ; but this great, this heaven born company, is destined to exist until the gospel is preached to all nations. True it is,

that individual members may die, but God will fill all vacancies which his own providence makes.

In the great work of supplying the destitute in our land, your Committee have been permitted to engage another year. Of the past they desire to speak gratefully, to acknowledge the goodness of God which has rested upon their labours; for the present, they can only resolve in the strength of their Redeemer, to work while it is called to-day: of the future, they predict nothing, but thankful for the hope by which it is illumined, they accept that hope as a new incentive to their zeal, and will endeavour to await the expression of the Divine will! To a readiness to cease from their labours, alike submissive, and immediate, the Committee have been solemnly called, by the death of brother Luther Crawford, their late beloved Corresponding Secretary. Brother Crawford deceased on the 13th of February. He suffered a protracted and severe illness, which greatly prostrated his bodily powers. When his imbecility denied existence to strong emotion, or lively joy, he frequently expressed his confidence in Jesus Christ, and his submission to the Divine will; and, in possession of faith and patience he fell asleep. To the worth of brother Crawford, it gives the Committee pleasure to bear unequivocal testimony. They make this public expression of their sympathy and condolence with his afflicted widow, and other relatives and friends, assuring them of the consolation which the hope imparts, that in heaven he rests from his labours. Accepting the admonition which the death of a junior member, in the vigor of early manhood presents, the Committee feel called to redouble their zeal in the work of the Lord, and particularly in the cause of Home Missions; for they know not at what time death may terminate their opportunities, and summon them to their account before the throne of God.

DEATH OF DIRECTORS.

The Committee have also to report, and to deplore, the death of the venerable Henry Smalley, a Director of the Society. He was the pastor of the Baptist church at Cohansey, New-Jersey, fifty years. Brother Smalley had attained the age of seventy-four years. Sensible of the weight of years, he modestly resigned the pastoral charge in favour of a younger pastor, and it was his pious design, if his life had been preserved, to have visited the feeble and destitute churches in his vicinity, to comfort and strengthen them in the name of the Lord. To great rectitude of character, brother Smalley added steadfastness in the faith, great simplicity of manners, and humility. By the appointment of his Redeemer he rests from his labours; his pastorate is his monument, already of fifty years standing; his character is his eulogium.

Brother Ashley Vaughn, deceased on the 29th of March ultimo, at Natchez, Mississippi. Brother Vaughn was an active and useful minister of the gospel. His talents were respectable, his piety was ardent, and his manners were amiable. The zeal and devotedness of our brother to the cause of Christ, gained him many friends; and it is believed, that in the State which he adopted as the place of his abode and toils, he was highly esteemed in love for his works' sake. To his afflicted widow, and other friends, the Committee present the expression of their condolence, with that of their confidence, that their departed brother has joined the Church of the first-born in heaven.

DEATH OF MISSIONARIES.

Your Committee have also to deplore the death of two valuable missionaries.

Brother William Spencer, of Jacksonville, Sangamon county, Illinois, was employed by the Society nearly six years. He attained to a good old age; he was exemplary in his demeanour, faithful, zealous, and highly esteemed as a minister of the gospel, and retained his vigor until within a short time of his death. Before the letter communicating the sympathy of your Committee to his afflicted widow, could reach her, she followed him to "an inheritance incorruptible, undefiled, and that fadeth not away."

Brother Alexander Riddler, was a missionary of the Society, at Chillicothe, Peoria county, Illinois. He deceased on the 7th of October last. The esteem in which he was held by the brethren in that state, may be seen from their language; they say, "He was a burning and shining light." No particular facts in relation to his decease have reached us; but, he appears to have been an active and ardent preacher of the gospel. These all died in the faith.

CONSTITUTION.

The Committee recommend that the fifth article of the constitution be so amended as to read as follows:

ARTICLE V. The Officers and Life Directors shall appoint an Executive Committee of thirteen persons, exclusive of the Treasurer, the Corresponding Secretary, the Recording Secretary, and Auditor, residing in the city of New-York and its vicinity. The Treasurer, the Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, and Auditor, shall be members *ex-officio* of the Executive Committee, five of whom shall be a quorum at any meeting regularly convened. This Committee shall have power to appoint its own meetings, form its own rules of business, and fill any vacancies which may occur during the year, and convene special meetings

of the Board and of the Society ; shall appoint missionaries and instruct them as to the field and manner of their labours ; shall dispose of the funds for the objects of the Society, provided that all moneys contributed for any specific purpose, shall be faithfully applied only to that particular object ; shall create such agency or agencies, for the appointment of missionaries and for other purposes, as the interests of the Society may require ; and shall make an annual report of their proceedings to the Society. All the Officers, Executive Committee, Agents and Missionaries of the Society, shall be members of some regular Baptist Church, in general union with the body of that denomination.

AGENCIES.

It is a subject of solicitude on the part of your Committee, that this department of their labours, may hereafter be made much more efficient, by being extended to fields which have not been visited ; or, which have been but partially visited, by collecting agents of the Society. We unhesitatingly express the opinion, that agencies are of great moment in consequence of the information which they diffuse on the subject of religion, of the benevolent institutions in general, and especially respecting the Society in whose employ they travel. This Society has existed seven years. During this time circulars, quarterly papers, and annual reports, have been published and distributed, to the number of many thousands ; newspapers have been to a considerable extent the organs of communication ; and our good brethren have kindly attended from distant portions of the country, the anniversaries of the Society. We have listened with instruction and pleasure to their eloquence in pleading the cause of the Society with men, and to their prayers in pleading it with God, and their debtors we are ; but, it nevertheless remains true, that in extensive and opulent portions of our country, where the Baptist population is large and the Baptist cause is popular, the great mass of that population know nothing of us, not even our name, much less our object and wants, until an agent appears and announces the object of his visit. This is a sober truth, attested every year indeed, but, existing in numerous instances, of which no attestation has been given ; for the number of places unvisited by our agents is yet great. If it is a privilege and a duty that our brethren co-operate with the Society, let us afford them the first that they may rejoice in the second.

There are several modes of raising money for the benevolent societies, and if they are named, it is not to express dissatisfaction with them, but to exhibit the comparative importance of raising funds by agencies. These generally consist of private donations, of public collections, of sums raised by auxiliary societies, and of

testamentary appropriations. For their liberality in all these forms, we make our acknowledgments and express our gratitude to our numerous friends. It still remains to be stated, that when our brethren are properly informed, by a prudent and godly agent, that the private gift exceeds the amount of the public collection, and the public collection exceeds the annual subscription, and that subscription becomes so greatly superior to its former maximum, that the subscribers find themselves glad in the possession of means which so greatly augment their power to do good.

It is sometimes thought to be an objection to agents, that they receive salaries. Their salaries are usually small, perhaps less than they might receive in some other avocation; or, as pastors. Their preaching, if they are the right kind of men, is worth more to the cause of religion, than the amount they receive for their services. It is sometimes objected, that the churches are destitute, and need their services. But, one good agent, if the Lord blesses his exertions, will collect sufficient funds to assist in sustaining a considerable number in the pastoral relation, where otherwise they could not be sustained. It is sometimes thought to be unscriptural thus to make collections; but if it is our duty to contribute to the support of the gospel, how can it be wrong to ask us to do it?

This is a subject of very grave importance to the Society. It is believed, that only to a small extent has she availed herself of the great increase of means, which the mode of collecting them by agencies, is adapted to supply. The principal sums of money which our treasury has received, have been generally obtained in this manner. It is very difficult, and it is very unnecessary to suppose, that the Baptist denomination in the United States, with a membership that is equal to half a million of souls, and which is receiving annually large accessions in number, talents, wealth, and piety, should from parsimony, decline to put into your treasury a sum adequate to the work which they request you to perform; which is to send out preachers to preach the gospel, to the greatest practicable extent, in our own country. Let the system of agencies be more extended, and give to our denomination an opportunity to come to the help of the Lord, and they will aid with a readiness and liberality which will do them honour, and will greatly benefit the Society.

For the success of the proposed extension of its agency, the Society confiding in the direction and blessing of God, make their appeal to brethren of influence and of the requisite qualifications for the service, and solicit them to employ both in the promotion of a cause dear to patriotism as the welfare of our country, and to religion dear as its vitality, its extended power and unbounded benedictions. To the entire membership of our churches, their appeal comes and asks that with one heart and voice, they commend the cause of Home Missions to God with-

out ceasing, and applying their own, that they endeavour also to secure the liberal appropriations of others, to its support.

The Committee, during the year which has closed, have only been able to avail themselves of the services of a small number of agents; they indulge the hope, that during the ensuing year, the number will be increased.

Brother Samuel Cook, in the state of Maine, and brother Thomas Rand, in New-Hampshire, each commenced the duties of the agencies to which they were appointed; but circumstances of an unfavourable character soon transpired, and as it was found inexpedient at that time to prosecute those duties, they resigned.

In Vermont, brother Jonathan Baldwin, acted as the agent of the convention of that state. This body generously appropriates its funds to the support of the society's missionaries in Lower Canada, six in number.

In Massachusetts, brother Charles O. Kimball, the Secretary of the State Convention, has devoted himself to the agency in that state.

Brother Luther Crawford visited Philadelphia on agency business, and performed such other similar duties, as his numerous engagements would permit.

John C. Murphy was employed in New-Jersey and New-York city, making collections.

Brethren John Peck and Lewis Leonard, still attend with zeal and success, to the duties of the agency in the State of New-York.

Brother Otis Briggs has been engaged chiefly in Pennsylvania and Virginia; and brother George F. Adams, to a limited extent, in Maryland and Virginia.

Brother James Huckens, was also appointed to a Southern agency, and has laboured in South Carolina and Georgia, very acceptably.

In Ohio, brother Reuben Winchell, in behalf of the convention of the state, has succeeded in eliciting the liberality of the community to a very encouraging extent, in support of village preaching.

In Illinois, notwithstanding a very severe illness, with which he has been afflicted, brother J. M. Peck evinces his usual ardor, in reference to the agency in that state.

The Committee very respectfully commend the agents of the society to the prayers, to the brotherly kindness, and to the liberality of the brethren, and solicit for them that kind consideration and generous co-operation, which it is a blessing to give, and which the cause of Home Missions entitles them to receive.

Nor, are the Committee willing to dismiss the subject of agency, until they express their indebtedness and gratitude to those benevolent individuals, who, without waiting to be personally called on for their pecuniary aid, have not only given liberal-

ly to aid us themselves, but have also induced others to contribute, and thus rendered to the society essential service. The best commendation of the conduct of these brethren is, the assurance not only that it is worthy the imitation of all, but also that if it is imitated by the community, it will secure to the society a prominence and extension in doing good, which will gladden the hearts of many thousands, and bring the blessing of many who were ready to perish, upon our benefactors.

TABLE OF MISSIONARIES.

NAMES.	RESIDENCE.			Missionaries in each St. Months' labor perfd.	GENERAL REMARKS.
	TOWN OR POST.	COUNTY.	STATE.		
Chas. O. Kimball	Agent, Boston		Mass.	1 12	Supported by Mass. State Con.
William H. Card	Norwalk	Fairfield	Ct.	1 6	Building a M. H. Left the state.
John Peck, Ag't	New-Woodstock	Madison	N. Y.	12	Supported by N. Y. State Con.
Lewis Leonard	Agent		N. Y.	2 12	Do. do. do.
E. Macomber	Meadville	Crawford	Pa.	1 12	Prospects are favourable.
C. W. Denison	Wilmington	Newcastle	Del.	12	Has left the state.
J. P. Thompson	Newcastle		Del.	2 10	
George F. Adams	Agent, Baltimore		Md.	12	Encouraged by increased prospects of usefulness.
Joseph Mettam	Pikesville	Baltimore	Md.	2 12	Is blessed with prosperity.
Otis Briggs	Agent		Va.	12	Has performed the duties of his agency successfully.
Benjamin Holden	East Clarksburg	Harrison	Va.	2 10	Preaches to congregations which evince deep pious feeling
James Huckens	Agent		Ga.	1	Is successful in the duties of his agency.
O. T. Hammond	Tallahassee	Leon	Flor.	1 9	Has removed to Irwintown, Ala.
John Micou	Louisville		Mi.	4	
R. T. Daniel, Ag't	Holly Springs		Mi.	2 8	Has rendered important assistance by the coll. of funds.
David Orr	Smithville	Lawrence	Ark.	11	
John Woodrume	Smithville	Lawrence	Ark.	12	
G. W. Baines	Crooked Creek	Carroll	Ark.	12	The brethren in this state have been restricted by sickness, and other causes, in the performance of their duties.
Wm. W. Settle	Mud Creek	Randolph	Ark.	12	
Thomas Mercer	Athens	Izard	Ark.	12	
John B. Graham	Swan Township	Taney	Mo.	12	
William B. Karr			Ark.	2	
Benj. Hawkins	Izard Court H.	Izard	Ark.	8 12	
J. Wiseman			Tenn	11	
H. B. Hayward	Lagrange	Fayette	Tenn	10	
Jacob Browning	Alton		Tenn	7	
John C. Martin	Pleasant Exch'ge	Carroll	Tenn	4 7	

Reuben Morey	Louis ville	Jefferson	Ky.	1	12	Laboured about half the year at Madison, Indiana.
James Williams	Potosi	Washington	Mo.	6		
R.S.D. Cauldwell	Stillville	Crawford	Mo.	8		Resigned his commission.
W. W. Tucker	Port Williams	Franklin	Mo.	10		
Kemp Scott	Pisgah	Cooper	Mo.	12		In this state, notwithstanding the prevalence of sickness, the labours of our brethren have been blessed; many have been converted to God, and an auxiliary society has been formed at St. Louis.
A. P. Williams	Palestine	Cooper	Mo.	10		
H. McElmarry	Greenville	Wayne	Mo.	12		
Wm. H. Duvall	Jefferson City	Cole	Mo.	4		
B. F. Brabrook	St. Louis		Mo.	12		
Peter Williams	Cape Girardeau		Mo.	12		
David Stiles	Port Williams	Franklin	Mo.	10		
A. Broadus, Jr.	St. Francisville	Clark	Mo.	8		
William Keys	Greenville	Wayne	Mo.	2		
Edwin C. Brown	Potosi	Washington	Mo.	10		
R. N. Herndon	St. Louis		Mo.	14		Recently appointed.
J. M. Peck, Ag't	Rock Spring		Ill.	6		
*Wm. Spencer			Ill.	6		Built a Meeting House.
John Logan	Macomb	McDonough	Ill.	6		
Calvin Greenleaf	White Hall	Green	Ill.	6		
Ezra Fisher	Quincy	Adams	Ill.	12		Built a Meeting House.
J. T. Hinton	Chicago	Cook	Ill.	2		Has been blessed with revival.
Norman Parks	Payson	Adams	Ill.	12		
Wm. J. Cooley	Diamond Spring	Clinton	Ill.	12		
Nathan Arnett	Belleville	St. Clair	Ill.	11		
J. Merriam	Springfield	Sangamon	Ill.	12		Assisted in Constituting a ch.
Thomas Powell	Vermilionville	Lasalle	Ill.	12		Constituted a Church at Greenfield, Bureau Co. Ill.
Isaac D. Newell	Bloomington	McLean	Ill.	12		Building a Meeting House.
E. Veach	Bloomington	McLean	Ill.	12		Assisted in the constitution of a church.
W. F. Boyakin	Salem	Marion	Ill.	10		
James B. Olcott	Waterloo	Munroe	Ill.	10		Constituted a Church.
Thomas H. Ford	Griggsville	Pike	Ill.	10		
David J. Lloyd	Millersburg		Ill.	10		Much suffering was endured by our brethren in this state last Summer, by severe illness, which also interrupted their labours.
R. Weston	Warsaw	Hancock	Ill.	6		
Joel Wheeler		McHenry	Ill.	12		
*Alex. Riddler	Peoria		Ill.	5		
Jacob Bower	Manchester	Morgan	Ill.	6		
Elijah Dodson	Woodburn	McCoupin	Ill.	2		
J. E. Ambrose	Lafox	Kane	Ill.	23	1	
William Roes	Delphi	Carroll	Ia.	12		Relinquishes further aid from the Society.
Daniel Palmer	Printers' Retreat	Switzerland	Ia.	12		
E. D. Owen	Richmond	Wayne	Ia.	12		
Reuben Coffey	Elletsville	Munroe	Ia.	12		
William Miller	Connersville	Fayette	Ia.	11		
Joshua Currier	Millgrove	Steuben	Ia.	10		The people of his charge sustain him.
S. B. Searle	Delphi	Carroll	Ia.	2		
F. A. Willard	Indianapolis	Marion	Ia.	3		
Peter Webb	Newtown	Fountain	Ia.	2		
Wm. M. Pratt	Crawfordsville	Montgom'ry	Ia.	10	10	
R. Winchell	Agent		O.	1		Has been very successful in obtaining subscriptions to sustain the ministry of the gospel in the villages in the state.
Hiram Gear	Marietta	Washington	O.	12		
Caleb Green	Southington	Trumbull	O.	12		
J. L. Richmond	Conneaut	Ashtabula	O.	10		A revival of religion has been enjoyed here.
T. R. Cressy	Columbus	Franklin	O.	12		

Eber Crane	McConnelsville	Morgan	O.	7	
John O. Birdsall	Perrysburg	Wood	O.	7	
Thomas Hughes	Radnor	Delaware	O.	12	Preaches in Welch.
I. K. Brounson	Circleville	Pickaway	O.	10	
— Handy			O.	9	
Isaac Bloomer	Mansfield	Richland	O.	7	A Church constituted.
Jacob Bailey	Richmond	Geauga	O.	7	
B. Beckwith	Rome	Ashtabula	O.	4	
S. R. Willard	Bedford	Cuyahoga	O.	3	Built a Meeting House.
E. W. Freeman	Strongsville	Cuyahoga	O.	12	
Bezaleel Hill		Columbiana	O.	3	
Silas Barnes	Aurora	Portage	O.	12	
Orrin Sage	Massillon	Starke	O.	18 12	
John Mitchell	Saline		Mic.	12	
Robert Powell			Mic.	10	
Supply Chase	Mount Vernon	Macomb	Mic.	12	Has been blessed with a revival
Edward Hodge	Bear Creek	Lenawee	Mic.	4	
Robert Adams	Battle Creek		Mic.	3	The agency in this state is
Thos. Y. R. Jones	Cold Water	Branch	Mic.	3	deranged in consequence of the
Harvey Miller	Ann Arbor	Washtenaw	Mic.	7	embarrassments of the commu-
O. C. Comstock	Detroit	Wayne	Mic.	12	nity.
James Pyper	Unadilla		Mic.	6	Is favoured with encouraging
					prospects.
Jeremiah Hall		Kalamazoo	Mic.	10	Sustained by his church.
Alexander Evans	Iowa Territory	Desmoines	Iowa	1 10	Greatly needs aid in an ex-
					tensive field.
Richard Griffing	Milwaukie		W.T	12	Earnestly solicit, and greatly
Edward Mathews	Milwaukie		W.T	2 10	need the aid of additional mis-
					sionaries.
William Geary	Belleville		U.C.	11	
William Rees	Brantford		U.C.	12	Absent part of the time on
William Frazer	Broadalbane		U.C.	12	the deputation to England.
J. Oakley, Ag't	Toronto		U.C.	8	
I. C. Allison	St. Catharines		U.C.	7	
I. E. Maxwell	Toronto		U.C.	7	Resigned.
James Johnson	Drummondsville		U.C.	9	Resigned.
John E. Divey	Drummondsville		U.C.	8 3	
Edward Mitchell			L.C.	12	
J. Baldwin			L.C.	4	The missionaries in Lower
S. B. Ryder, Jr.			L.C.	12	Canada are sustained by the
M. Britain			L.C.	12	Vermont State Convention. Br.
Prosper Powell			L.C.	12	J. Baldwin is the agent of the
Israel Ide			L.C.	12	Vermont State Convention.
Peter Chase	West Berkshire,	Vermont	L.C.	7 3	Brother P. Chase is sustained
					by the parent society.

The society has during the year, had 121 missionaries and agents in its service; they have been employed in 22 states, provinces, and territories. They have performed an amount of labour, which is equal to eighty-eight years labour of one man; in which they travelled 34,728 miles, preached 3,453 sermons, baptized 1,058, received by letter 270, constituted twenty-four churches, and ordained eleven ministers.

That the above statement, is greatly below the real amount of good accomplished is certain. In this report, nothing is admitted upon mere probability; we make our statement only so far

as advised ; and such is the imperfection of our correspondence, especially, with respect to statistics, and to facts, that we omit altogether, the table showing the amount done to sustain the benevolent institutions. It is perfectly well known, that our missionaries are zealously engaged to sustain these institutions, and that they are assisted in this good work by our brethren generally.

REVIEW OF MISSION STATIONS.

Connecticut. At Norwalk, in this state, Brother William H. Card has been under the appointment of the executive committee six months, with a very gratifying degree of public acceptance. Under his ministry the church has been encouraged and increased by the addition of several persons by baptism to her number. They have commenced the erection of a good meeting-house, under very agreeable prospects of success, and are also favoured with other pleasing indications of prosperity. It is regarded, however, as peculiarly unhappy, that amid many encouragements, their pastor is obliged to resign his charge, as he finds himself unable, in consequence of ill health, to continue the discharge of his duties among them.

Pennsylvania. In this state the society has one missionary, brother E. Macomber, who during the year has travelled about 3000 miles, and preached 250 sermons, chiefly in Crawford and Erie counties, and in places adjacent to them ; he assisted in the constitution of two churches, and baptized several persons. This region is properly a missionary field, as it is very destitute, yet the Lord has poured out his Spirit upon the people, and by various ministers, 212 have been baptized. It is pleasing to learn, that *such a considerable* addition has been to the strength of this comparatively feeble people ; may they go from strength to strength, every one of them appearing in Zion before God. Grateful for the aid afforded them, these brethren earnestly solicit the continuance of their minister among them under the appointment of the society.

Delaware. Brother Charles W. Denison has officiated in this state as missionary agent ; and as the pastor of the Second Baptist church at Wilmington. The church has received an accession of fifteen persons by baptism. They occupy a convenient meeting-house, and hopes are indulged that they will prosper. Brother Denison has resigned, and left the state. During his residence at Wilmington, prospects encouraged him ; the attendance at public worship, the inquiry of souls asking the way to Zion, and the occasional baptism of believers, were among those encouragements.

Brother John P. Thompson is our missionary in this field. He is laborious in the performance of his duties. He travels and preaches at various places, and is attended by large and se-

rious congregations. His style of preaching, and his manners are thought to be well adapted to the people among whom he labours. In family visits, he seeks opportunity to direct sinners to "The Lamb of God, who taketh away the sin of the world," and to diffuse the savour of vital piety. Attached as he is, to the benevolent objects, which are less the creation than the attainment of Christian zeal, he gives to them the strength of his influence and the warmth of his commendation. We sincerely unite with him in imploring the Divine blessing to descend upon the good seed which he has sown, that it may spring up and bear fruit.

The state of religion in Delaware is thought to be very low. Oh! that God would pour his Spirit upon the people, convert sinners, restore the fallen, refresh his saints, elicit their latent, their buried talents, and give them a holy and untiring zeal and activity in the cause of immortal souls—the cause of Christ.

Maryland. Brother G. F. Adams has, for the last twelve months, continued his ministerial labours in Calvert-street, Baltimore. The Committee have been pleased to learn, that appearances of success in Baltimore are more encouraging than heretofore. When they consider the zeal and the pecuniary expense at which the church in Calvert-street was commenced by brethren, who still largely contribute to its support, they feel strongly inclined to the opinion, that with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

Brother Adams informs us, that the congregation increases; that they have a Sunday school and a Bible class: two have joined the church by letter, and he has baptized seven in the country. They are looking forward to better days; may they experience and enjoy them, until the little one becomes a thousand.

Brother Joseph Mettam preaches in Pikesville, and Taney Town. The meetings for public worship here are well attended; they have an interesting Sunday school, and three have been baptized.

The brethren feel that religion is in a low state among them, and express the hope, that the day is not distant, when the Sun of Righteousness will arise upon them. That this expectation may speedily be realized, that sinners may be converted to God, and that the churches of Christ in Maryland, may occupy a prominent place in the denomination, in every good work, your Committee will not cease to pray.

Virginia. Brother Benjamin Holden is our missionary at East Clarksburg, Harrison county, in this state. The people received him as a minister of the gospel, with demonstrations of joy, and attended his ministry in crowded and weeping congregations. We are so far advised of the condition of Western Virginia, as to be satisfied of its importance as a mission station, and

of the utility of the appropriation made to assist in sustaining Brother Holden in it. Of the listening assemblies who attended the ministrations of our missionary, some have believed through grace; and he is fully persuaded, that God has a people there. Encouraged by the indications of a gracious providence, our brother appears devoted to his work. The interest felt by congregations convened to receive the word of life from the pious missionary, is altogether more deep than is usual in congregations which are accustomed to the service of a settled ministry. In producing this increased degree of feeling, various causes may have their influence, but it seems highly probable, that as the emotions excited are very devotional, and, as the expressions employed on those occasions, are those of truth and religion; that both result from religious desire and hope, at the moment of their gratification, in being permitted to listen again to the man who preaches Jesus Christ, and shows to sinners the way of salvation. This happy state of things ought to be regarded as the recognition on the part of unadulterated piety, of our Lord's appointed mode of blessing the poor with the ministry of the gospel; which is, by sending out ministers, to preach as "they go," to the neglected millions of the human family. It is also apparent, that on those occasions the impressions realized, and the words expressed, partake of the nature of gratitude for the blessing enjoyed. We have introduced these considerations in this place, not merely because we think they are true, but also, because our correspondent informs us, that when his arrival at the place at which he was engaged to preach was announced, one of the brethren exclaimed, "glory to God, for being permitted to see and hear a Baptist preacher once more!"

Florida. In this destitute portion of our country, the Society have only had one missionary, and that during the early part of the current year. Amid discouraging circumstances, Brother O. T. Hammond exerted himself chiefly in the vicinity of Tallahassee, with zeal and success; he also preached in Georgia. To the benevolent institutions he gave a prominent place in his ministry. One of the churches to which he preached, have commenced building a meeting-house, and the place of worship occupied by another church to which he preached, was always crowded, and sometimes seventy-five or a hundred, were at the door, unable to gain admittance. He found himself under many obligations to the people, which he gratefully acknowledges, and expresses the opinion, that if tracts were distributed, they would be of great service.

Brother Hammond was moved by no mercenary motive, to enter into the service of the Society, for he gave to it, as he designed, the entire amount of his salary, one hundred dollars: thus proving, as many would delight to, if their circumstances permitted, the sincerity of his attachment to the cause of mis-

sions, and the benevolence with which he knew how to expend his exertions, and his means in its support. Brother Hammond has removed to Alabama, and the troubles in Florida, occasioned by the war, have probably prevented the committee from designating some missionary to that station.

Mississippi. To this state, important as it is, in many respects, the Executive Committee have felt, and still feel solicitous to designate missionaries; but, the want of the right kind of men, and of means to sustain them, has prevented them from complying with the known wishes of their brethren, residing in this important missionary field. It would be agreeable to their convictions of duty, and very grateful to their feelings, if the providence of God should soon put it in their power to give substantial evidence of the reality and ardor of their attachment to the cause of Christ in Mississippi, by appointing such missionaries as the destitution of the country might require, and such as might be a great acquisition to the cause of truth and righteousness at that station.

The Committee are persuaded, that as soon as the character of a good missionary is known, and his object in preaching the gospel, at the cost to himself, of many and great sacrifices, is understood, the desire for missionaries will greatly increase, even in this state. They regret, that at this time, our brethren are not able to judge of the practical excellence of missionary operations, by the presence and labours of such men as commend them, by the respectability of their talents and intelligence, and more than all, by their love to souls and to Jesus Christ; and by the great practical utility resulting to the churches from the blessing of God upon their labours.

In this state, Brother John Micou is our only missionary. At Louisville, the place in which he preaches, we are informed that the Lord has revived his work; eleven persons have professed a hope in Christ, and have been baptized, and many remain seriously disposed. On the whole, it appears that the cause of God is, though slowly, yet really advancing in this vicinity.

Arkansas. In this State the Society has eight missionaries. The operations of our brethren here, have been materially affected and limited, by the loss of health which brother David Orr suffered during the year. He officiated as an agent, and thus greatly contributed to sustain our missionaries, at a time, at which our funds were so limited as to prevent the Executive Committee from making to them the usual appropriations. In consequence of the decline of health, in pursuance of medical advice, and with the concurrence of your committee, brother Orr contemplated making a visit to Texas; at which place he expected to have spent the winter, in the hope that he might aid in the constitution of one or more Churches, and otherwise co-operate with our friends in that place. Our brother felt that he was providentially pre-

vented from accomplishing these objects, by being, through the influence of his friends, dissuaded from his contemplated tour.

The cause is advancing under the labors of our missionaries. They think that their State Convention, and the meetings, which they in rotation attend, will be productive of good results.

In various instances, where the congregations were small and careless, they are now large and attentive; several persons have been baptized and added to the churches, and much has been done to promote religion in the State. "I thank God," observes our missionary, "that where I have laboured most during this year, a great change is effected. The people in the settlements, have left off their Sabbath breaking, swearing and gambling; the professors of religion have returned from their backslidings, and have been healed; and some of both the young and the old, have lately been made the sharers of pardoning grace. The inhabitants of these western wilds seem anxious to hear the gospel, and to enjoy the light of the Sun of Righteousness. Harmony and christian love, truly abound. O for grace to be useful in this best of causes, and to do the greatest of works, the work of the Lord!"

Another correspondent informs us, that "general good feeling has been manifest among the friends of Zion, that the penitential tear has frequently started down the cheeks of sinners, and that the strictest attention is given to the preaching of the gospel."

Our missionaries here, have nevertheless had much to encounter from the small amount of produce which was raised last summer, from the prevalence of sickness and from other causes.—One of them, after specifying these trials, and who is suffering from ill health, says, "yet I thank God, that I am able to publish life and salvation at all to a perishing world." Upon your missionaries in Arkansas, who seem united and zealous in the work of the Lord, your Committee trust, that the blessing of heaven which makes rich, will descend. For the restoration of brother David Orr to health, much solicitude has been felt, as he has been unusually active in the service of the Society: may the Lord graciously restore him, and assist him still to abound in the work which He has given him to do.

Tennessee. The comparative importance of this state, places it deservedly high, in the scale of that moral influence which the various states in our union seem adapted to exert upon each other, and upon the world. Although this state is held in very high and respectful consideration, and such of the brethren as are known to the Committee, are highly esteemed, yet, circumstances beyond their control, have prevented them from making but four appointments to the state, since our last anniversary. Concerning these, in consequence of the failure of letters, or of some other unknown cause, they are not, except in a single instance, advised. The names of the brethren are inserted in the

tabular view of mission stations, agreeably to their appointment; nevertheless, some of them may have declined accepting it.

Brother H. B. Hayward is our missionary at Lagrange and Bolivar. Circumstances arising from the location of the meeting-house in the former, and causes of a different character at the latter of these places, have contributed to limit his usefulness. He, however, does not seem discouraged, but from his last communication, was contemplating the increase of his operations, by augmenting the means, by which it is hoped, the gospel may yet more generally and powerfully influence the people to piety and to usefulness, and advance them to all the privileges of the household of faith. Although not permitted to report an encouraging measure of success, our brother thinks that the state of things in the field of his labours is slowly improving.

As your Committee suppose, that by the favour of their respected correspondent in Tennessee, a proposition is before the convention of that state, which will probably be agreeable to that body, and which will greatly facilitate our operations, the hope is indulged, that hereafter we may have better things to report from this field;—things which accompany salvation.

Kentucky. Brother Reuben Morey is our missionary at Louisville, in this state. He spent about the first half of the current year at Madison, in Indiana, from which place he came to Louisville, and commenced preaching for the second Baptist church in that city. Under his labours the church and congregation have increased; to the former, seven members have been added. The brethren speak well of their minister, and appear to hold him in high esteem for his work's sake.

Respect for the brethren in Kentucky in general, affectionate attachment to such of them as are personally known, together with a desire to witness a more enlarged and liberal activity in the cause of Christ in that state, have induced the Committee to hope for their more extensive co-operation in the cause of Home Missions. It is, therefore, respectfully suggested to these brethren, that our union in our denominational exertions, to supply the destitute with the ministry of the gospel, would be peculiarly agreeable to us; and we would rejoice in the accession to this good cause of the talents, piety, and influence, which they could so easily bring to, and so profitably employ, in one united and harmonious effort to preach Christ to the people.

Although not immediately within the purview of this report, we feel pleasure in noticing the union of the papers, hitherto known as the Baptist Banner, Western Pioneer, and the Baptist, in one paper: called the Baptist Banner and Western Pioneer; and published at Louisville, Kentucky. The ability with which its editorial department is conducted, the various societies, of which it is the useful organ of communication with the public; the variety and excellence of the religious communications which

enrich its columns ; and the fervency of the exhortations to every good work, which it addresses to its readers, assure us of its usefulness ; and induce the hope, that more frequent touches may hereafter keep more bright the chain of Christian fellowship which binds us together.

Missouri. In this state, the Society have had, during the current year, thirteen missionaries. A part of these labour under the direction of the Franklin Mission Association, an active and useful auxiliary of the society.

In contemplating the condition of the denomination in this state, although there are some things to deplore, yet there is much that demands our devout acknowledgments and gratitude to God, for the repeated and great blessings which he has granted to the labours of our missionaries. Seasons of protracted service seem to have been peculiarly blessed to the souls of men. The instances of conversion and of baptisms reported, as having occurred at these meetings, are numerous. One of our missionaries, Alvin P. Williams, baptized during the year, *one hundred and thirty-one persons.*

After enumerating some things which have been accomplished, by the instrumentality of the ministry of the gospel, and deploring the inactivity of some in the cause of missions, one of our missionaries piously laments, that "*many souls are on the way to wo and ruin.*" A statement which is deplorable, because true, and alarming, because of the value of those souls, and of their exposure to the wrath that is to come ! Beholding their peril, and seeking their rescue, the missionary goes forth in their midst preaching the gospel, and rejoices, as he finds that God by the foolishness of preaching, saves them that believe. On the importance of a ministry alike enlightened and faithful, the same writer observes, that "if we could have faithful ministers to preach to all our churches, who had the cause of Christ deeply at heart, and who would study to show themselves approved unto God, rightly dividing the word of truth, there would be no difficulty in inducing many to believe Bible truth." A sentiment, the mere reiteration of which might be useful, until it was far more generally accredited, and until prayer was everywhere presented to God, that He would send forth more labourers, for the harvest is great, and the labourers are few.

In the city of St. Louis, one of the most important places in the Valley of the Mississippi, it appears, that the Baptist church has been steadily, though slowly, advancing. When the location, character, and future influence of this place, are considered, it must be a subject of religious gratification, that the church there is augmenting in numbers, and as we believe, increasing in the knowledge of God ; while every year is advancing their strength, so that soon they will be able to dispense bountifully the blessings

of a pious and enlightened ministry, to those who are far beyond them, in the distant and mighty West.

The society has in this state also, two auxiliaries, whose object is to sustain missionaries. The first of these, the Baptist Home Mission Society of Cape Girardeau, sustains two missionaries, one of whom, Peter Williams, is under appointment by the Parent Society; and is by it partially supported: the second is the Baptist Domestic Missionary Society of St. Louis county. The last named society was recently constituted, and brother R. N. Herndon has been appointed to labour under its direction: and in sustaining him, they are also assisted by the Parent Society.

We think, that to these societies, the field is white to the harvest, and our prayer is, that entering it as they do, they may reap and gather wages unto eternal life.

The Committee deeply regret, that at a time at which the prospects in Missouri are so cheering, that reward follows immediately in the footsteps of labour, several of their useful missionaries are leaving the field, in consequence of an inadequate support. Our brethren have not acted under a mercenary spirit, but have been compelled to leave the work of preaching as missionaries, in obedience to the law which requires a man to provide for his own household. Nor, should this subject pass without a serious inquiry, whether the friends of the Home Mission cause have done all which it demands of them. Friends and brethren, the question addresses itself to us all; is it desirable, is it necessary, at a time when the calls are numerous and important, and when the churches are flourishing under their ministry, and sinners are converted to God, that our missionaries, for want of daily bread, should find it necessary to turn their attention to secular business?

Illinois. In this state, the society has had twenty-three missionaries during the current year. Two of their number have been removed by death. Several of our brethren have also, during the year, been afflicted with distressing cases of sickness, which has greatly limited their ability to perform their duties as ministers of the gospel, and of course, their usefulness. Among these, brother John M. Peck, our agent, was brought low, but the Lord helped him; and we rejoice in his restoration to health, and to his accustomed labours. The convention in this state is a well organized body; zealously engaged in the promotion of the objects embraced in the various benevolent societies.

The convention has, we are pleased to observe, adopted the plan of designating a missionary to itinerate in each association. This course will probably, best secure the supply of the destitute within their respective limits; and the proper persons being appointed to this service, religion will, under their ministry, happily advance, and the resources of the churches will be more

generally elicited and combined to strengthen each other and the convention ; and to dispense the gospel to all men.

Of the condition of the denomination in this state, your Committee are well advised, and entertain the opinion, that the Divine blessing has rested upon the labours of your missionaries.

Brother J. M. Peck, in performing the duties of his agency, made laborious tours, almost up to the time of his illness. He informs us, that "the present attitude of the churches at Fountain Creek and Waterloo, in Monroe county, affords a happy illustration of the good effects of timely missionary aid on our western population. Both now have pastors, which they partially support according to their ability, and by the aid of three licensed preachers, are establishing meetings in remote, very destitute, and wicked settlements ; where God is now at work, and a happy and surprising change has been effected. I will repeat what I have often said, that the field of missionary operation in this state, is enlarging every day, and whitening for the harvest, and that instead of twenty, we *really need fifty missionaries*, to supply the destitute churches and settlements."

While encouragements to continue our labours are thus afforded us, the destitution of large and interesting regions of country asks our immediate aid, and which, being afforded, receives in the blessing of God, its reward. One of our missionaries mentions, that on arriving at a place at which a meeting was to be held, he found the people assembled together, to pray for the influences of the Divine Spirit to rest upon them. A practice, which, as it is a duty, ought never to be omitted ; and if considered as a privilege, it would be enjoyed to such an extent, as greatly to enrich the souls of all concerned, and give to their labours an unction, and a power, only to be derived from heaven. Another correspondent informs us, that a meeting having been appointed at Georgetown, Randolph county, after it continued several days, it became deeply interesting ; the concourse was large and solemn ; that five converts were baptized, and a church of fifteen members was constituted, to which, in a few days, two others were added on the succeeding Sabbath.

Another of our brethren, gives us the following interesting preaching scene. The meeting was held in Pike county, at Pleasant Vale. We had no meeting-house, but log huts were erected around the preaching ground : the preaching stand was raised on two logs, under a wide spread oak ; a beautiful spring rising in the vicinity, formed a creek which skirted one side of the ground we occupied, and furnished the most agreeable convenience for baptizing ; the shade of the trees which skirted the adjoining wood, a clear sky, and the presence of a large, serious, inquiring, delighted congregation, together with the generous hospitality which was used on the occasion, all contributed to render this a meeting of most interesting character : *but, the best*

of all was, God was there in power and much mercy: it was indeed a peculiar season of refreshing to Christians, and many were convinced and converted to God. Think, dear brethren, of the convocation of such a meeting; the time, the place; perhaps the preacher's name is announced, and the meeting becomes the principal topic of conversation through a large section of country; hope and desire produce anxiety to be present; the time approaches, and the assembly convenes. They have travelled from various directions, perhaps some five or ten miles, but, they have been moved by a disposition to attend the meeting, that may be all; but God who knows the hearts, knows the necessities of men, and blessed be his name, pours out his Spirit upon them; they see their lost condition; they inquire what they must do to be saved, they are directed to Jesus Christ, believe in his name, and are filled with the joys of his salvation. The delightful, the holy influence of such a meeting, amounts to the purification of an entire neighbourhood; the obdurate are rendered penitent, prodigals are reclaimed, the broken hearted are healed, the licentious become moral, and the apostate recalled from his wanderings, occupies no more the paths of moral vagrancy, but delights to abide in the temple of God. Such results of the ministry of the gospel, as they give to society its purest, most useful members, and its loveliest aspect, are the reward of the philanthropy, benevolence, and zeal in the cause of Christ, which sustain that ministry. As they impart the hope of immortality, they attach us to heaven, and present the attestation of the Spirit of God to His own truth. Who would not feel it an honour in this cause to embark his talents and means, and incessantly add to both his fervent prayers? To our missionaries, peculiar trials sometimes occur, in the attempt to discharge their duties. Sometimes they are in trouble, in consequence of the hostility of evil men to the gospel. One of our missionaries gives us the following account. "Having an appointment in the court house at ———, a Roman Catholic was hired to keep the preacher and the people out of the court house. He accordingly took two guns, which he loaded, and swore that he would shoot the first preacher that darkened the door. Apprized of these movements, we met in the suburbs of the town, under the shade of a beautiful elm tree; where I blew the silver trumpet of the gospel to a crowd of attentive hearers. Being solicited to preach again, I consented, and expect to attend frequently in this destitute waste, to try to gather the stray sheep of the fold, and feed them."

In several instances appearances of revival have followed the labours of our missionaries; we have only room for that which occurred at Chicago, under the ministry of brother Thomas Powell, our missionary at Vermilionville, Lasalle county. "I have just completed the labour of fifteen days successive preach

ing with the church in Chicago; I found the church in a very low and dispirited condition. The Lord was pleased to smile upon the effort. Upwards of thirty professed to pass from death unto life; ten have been received for baptism, and ten have proposed themselves as candidates for a future opportunity. It is believed the remaining converts will follow. Brother Hinton has the peculiar pleasure of rejoicing over three of his own dear children among the converts, and also over seven young ladies, who, as attendants in his boarding school, are members of his family. The effects of this meeting are great; the most dubious were constrained to acknowledge the good hand of God, as producing them."

At least four of the missionaries hitherto in the employ of the society, are now either sustained by the churches to whom they preach, or sustain themselves, without depending upon appropriations from your treasury. On the subject of ministerial support, we beg leave to say, that it is no part of the object of the Society to attempt to support missionaries where churches are able themselves to sustain them. The Society, on the contrary, seeks the destruction of religious apathy, if it exists, and its prevention, if it does not, by exciting the churches, and those friendly to the support of the gospel ministry, to a healthful and liberal action on this subject. We think there are churches in this state, which are capable of deriving profit from an attentive consideration of this subject. To them, it is respectfully submitted, with the request, so to act upon it now, as to devise liberal things, that by liberal things they may stand.

Indiana. The Society have had during the current year, ten missionaries in Indiana. They labour in connexion with our auxiliary, the General Association of Indiana. Of this number, two will no longer depend upon the Parent Society for support. Brother William Rees will act as the agent of the association, and Brother Joshua Currier will be sustained by the people of his charge, at Millgrove, Steuben county.

So far as we are informed, the churches of this state have shared only to a limited extent, the prosperity, which during the year, has been enjoyed in some of her sister states. We fear that the cause of religion is low, or in the language of one of our correspondents, some of these churches being destitute, are "without life enough to look for a minister." This is greatly to be deplored. With a population, which probably exceeds four hundred thousand, including upwards of twelve thousand members of our churches, with a good right to a large share of public influence, with the Bible in their hands, and the cause of Christ in their hearts; why are not our dear brethren here more active in publishing the gospel to the destitute? This state is justly regarded as a very important mission field. The Committee have received several applications for the appointment of missionaries,

to which they regret that they have been able only to yield a partial compliance. Without the indications of the presence of the Divine benediction in its copiousness and power, one of our missionaries says, "although the additions were not large, yet the amount of good which has been done, can be calculated only by the worth of the soul, and by the duration of eternity; sinners were pricked in their hearts and converted to God; and the church awakened out of sleep to live to God."

We entirely concur in the opinion of our respected correspondent, that we need for the West men of talent, experience and deep piety; men, who will take hold of the plough and will not look back. We unite in his desire, that a host of such men as are adapted to command the largest amount of influence, may soon appear there. To put you in possession of the manner in which our missionaries strive to preach, we present the following quotation, from one of their number. "I do think it among the greatest enjoyments of my life, to hold forth the beauty, the glory, and the excellence of the dying love of the dear Saviour to perishing sinners, and to converse with them about Him. I am encouraged to go forward in the strength of the Lord; Oh! that He would make me more humble, faithful, and prayerful; that I might feel my dependence on Him for strength."

Our brethren have suffered severely, in some instances, in this State, from personal and domestic sickness. So greatly did this calamity prevail, that in some instances, religious meetings were not attempted for two or three months, and the dead were, it is said, buried without the least ceremony. One of the missionaries gives conclusive evidence of the interest and zeal with which he is engaged to preach Jesus Christ, by stating, that as "he was not able for several years to procure a horse, he pursued his journey through bad roads on foot; and sometimes steered his course by a compass through the woods, to find the place of his appointment. *"I have,"* says he, *"several times travelled twelve miles out to preach, and back again the same day, and waded a stream, in which the water was more than knee deep; when the ground was covered with snow."* After thus enduring hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ, until by "constant exposure to wet and cold his limbs are stiffened," he says, "he, at the age of fifty-eight years, sometimes travels on foot to fulfil his appointments, and feels the inconvenience the less, because he has been long accustomed to look beyond this world for support."

It would be superfluous to remark, that such men deserve our confidence; that they should find an interest in our prayers and liberally share our benefactions, is demanded by the superior devotedness, with which they perform duties which are arduous, and of the first importance to the community, and by their own pressing necessities. We doubt, if in any cause, the practice of

self-denial occurs so frequently, or so often amounts to a presentation of the body and soul, a living sacrifice to God, as in the cause of missions. We hope our friends at the West, and our contributors at the East, will see to it, that the hardships of ministers are not increased for want of means to sustain them.

We entirely concur in the opinion expressed by the General Association of this State, that "labourers are wanted to thrust in the sickle, and gather fruit unto eternal life. Error, under various garbs, is making rapid strides through the country, and many of our churches are in their destitute, divided, and languishing condition, exposed to its influence. What plan can be devised, in the present state of the Churches, better calculated to unite them in the faith of the gospel, and insure the speedy triumph of truth, than Home Missions? We answer none."

Ohio. The Society have, during the year, had eighteen missionaries in Ohio. It is pleasing to observe, a very great improvement in the prospects, and operations of the Convention of this State. Its board has been removed from Cincinnati to Granville; as has its useful paper, the Cross and Journal, likewise. This State presents a great and good field for missionary exertion. In some places the Churches languish, the people are uninstructed, destitute; of these, some seem scarcely sensible of their prostrate condition, while others, with argument and entreaty, present the imploring cry, "come over and help us."

The Committee consider the recent operations of the State Convention, as of great importance, not only because of the immediate good which will be done by a very great increase of means, with which it has been blessed, but, as also, putting the denomination in the State in possession of a knowledge of their very respectable resources, and by exhibiting to her neighbours of the Western sisterhood, the excellence of a well digested system of effective Village Preaching. This may be justly regarded as a proposal to take, and to possess, the strong positions of the State, in the name of the Lord: and as soon as the Society, and its useful auxiliaries, can carry this plan into effect, gladness will be diffused through all the ranks of our friends, and we will together thank God and take courage.

The labours of brother Reuben Winchell, who suggested the Village plan, have been very successful in its support. For this purpose we believe, he obtained a subscription of \$7,500, payable in five years, in equal annual payments. With the exception of a small portion of the year, brother Winchell performed the duties of his agency, under an appointment of the Convention. He found a great and an open door for usefulness here; he entered it, and found the prospects brightening every day. He says, "the Village plan is both needed and popular.—It is needed, to retrieve the Baptist cause in the principal places

in the State, to give the denomination a character, to weave the denomination together, and prepare them for every other good object, which may enlist their united and holiest energies."

One of our correspondents informs us, that being accustomed to distribute Tracts, "in some instances he found large families where a tract could not be read by any one of their number, and that he was obliged to rely entirely on oral communication of Bible truth. They must for sometime to come, rely upon the lips of the living teacher for instruction in religion and morals." It does not appear, that the number of revivals has during the year been great at our mission stations. Yet, in some instances, a very agreeable state of prosperity has resulted to the churches, from the instrumentality of our missionaries. We make with pleasure a few extracts. Brother J. L. Richmond, of Conneaut, Ashtabula county, informs us, "that the Lord has graciously revived his work in this village, and that he has had the pleasure of baptizing seventeen, and of receiving twenty-five by letter, experience, and restoration, and that, he expects others to come forward." Brother J. O. Birdsall, has experienced a pleasant state of things at Perrysburg, and he informs us, that he has had the pleasure of baptizing thirty-six persons. Brother T. R. Cressy, at Columbus, has found the Church revived, and has baptized thirty-seven. Brother Jacob Baily, of Richmond City, writes us, "immediately after entering on my labour, I commenced a tour of visiting indiscriminately, and soon found an increasing interest among professors on the subject of religion; and although I am not enjoying a revival, yet, there are some indications of one. I attend four or five religious meetings during the week, and they have been generally interesting."

The Committee are decidedly of the opinion, that the labours of the missionaries in Ohio, although, unrequited by very large accessions to the churches, have nevertheless been greatly beneficial. They think, that with a zeal commendable and exemplary, they have abounded in the work of the Lord. They anticipate from their augmented strength, more vigorous efforts to promote the cause of Christ, in the ensuing year; and pray that upon those efforts, the blessing of God may so copiously rest, that even the feeble may become strong, and the small one a strong nation.

Besides sustaining the missionaries, as above expressed, the Society has appropriated one hundred dollars, to assist the Rocky River Association in sustaining the ministry of the gospel.— This body is situated in the northern part of the State, and has in five years, increased from one hundred and sixty, to twelve hundred and fifty-eight members.

Michigan. The Society have had during the year, ten missionaries under appointment in this State. Their success has been restricted by the embarrassments, which have seriously

affected the business community generally. The disadvantages under which our brethren have laboured, have been met with a becoming spirit of fortitude; and with a zeal, which has sought to surmount them in the name of the Lord. A correspondent informs us, that the state of religion in Michigan, is in general low; but, he says, "that a number of the churches have through the mercy of God, received refreshing seasons and pleasing additions." Another correspondent writes, "I think the prospects of our denomination, are constantly brightening in this State. We have had some precious revivals during the winter." A brother from Mount Clemens, writes to us, "that God has been merciful to his Church in this place. On the first day of March, I commenced a succession of meetings, and God came down in power, so that almost the whole community were with one accord convened for the worship of God; inquiring what they must do to be saved. Truly it was a glorious exhibition of the grace of God. I have passed through very powerful revivals, but never witnessed one like this. But very few in that settlement, remain in an unconverted state. The influences of the Holy Spirit, were like a rushing mighty wind, sweeping alike the old man of fifty, or sixty years, and the child of ten, or twelve. As the fruits of this revival we have reason to hope that about fifty precious souls were converted." By the favour of a correspondent at Mount Vernon, we are informed, that such have been the displays of grace, that "the powers of darkness have not been able to make a successful resistance: that the word of God has triumphed, and been made mighty through Him, to the pulling down of strong holds: for the old man of more than threescore years, in common with the man of business, the gay and giddy youth, and the child have bowed beneath its power, and through the sanctifying influence of the Holy Spirit are now the joyful disciples of our crucified Redeemer."

Our missionaries encounter perils in their journey, and labour industriously. Brother Robert Powell, writes us as follows: "I rode to Medina, and collected some money; then to Greenville, in Ohio, wading marshes over my boots, and leading my horse, as I dared not to ride. I arrived on Saturday evening, and preached; and on Lord's day, I preached four times." In enduring exposure, privation and toil, they are cheered by the hope of usefulness which their various fields of labour present, and by the affectionate interest, which the people manifest in their ministry. Accustomed, as many have been, to hear the gospel, and desirous, as all are of the enjoyment of so great a blessing, they are unwilling to live without it. Living at distances remote from each other, at the time of the meeting, they are frequently seen, with all the interest of ardent expectation, hastening to assemble as to a feast of fat things.

Notwithstanding that the Convention of this State, and the Churches generally, have been able only to attain to a limited degree of usefulness during the current year, the Committee agree with their correspondents in the opinion, that prospects are improving, that better days are about to dawn on Michigan. Encouraged by the experience of the past, and by the hope of the future, they feel that this portion of the field which they seek to cultivate, invites to diligence, to liberality, and to prayerful perseverance; and promises a reward in the gratified consciousness of doing good, in the salvation of souls, and in the unmeasured benediction of the Most High, which shall distinguish and honour devoted piety.

Wisconsin Territory. The Society have two missionaries in this newly settled country. It is, as yet, but partially known. A superior judge of mission fields tells us, that Wisconsin presents the most inviting field for Home Missions, which he ever witnessed. He asks the question, when will the eastern churches learn and feel the importance of Home Mission efforts? The destitution of the ministry is great; we have but three preachers in eighteen counties. Society here is in its infancy, but it is the infancy of future greatness; of this fact, the enterprise of the people, and their rapid increase by immigration, are conclusive proof. A convention was held on the 5th of last October, at Milwaukee, of delegates from the several Baptist churches of Central Wisconsin, for the purpose of forming a Baptist Association. The Convention agreed to form an association, adopted a constitution, and styled the newly organized body, the First Baptist Association of Wisconsin. Its constituent members were seven churches. Our brethren have but one frame meeting-house in the territory. In the language of our correspondent, "All are beginning the world anew, but prospects are good, and with the blessing of God, and some ministering brethren, to lay the foundation of Zion's walls here, a series of blessings will flow down to future generations in all ages." *Our ministers are encouraged by the attendance at their meetings, of persons who come from the distance of nine miles, and are drawn by oxen!*

Occupying this large field, and subject as they are, to the calls of a widely extended population, the services of our brethren must be generally those of itinerants. One of them has, to some extent, supplied four counties, and the other has evinced a good degree of activity in the field of his toils. The Committee entertain no doubt, on the subject of the importance of increasing the number of appointments to this new field, as soon as circumstances permit. Indeed, our missionary, Brother E. Mathews, writes earnestly, requesting us to send them help. He says, "Come brethren, do something more for Wisconsin; do not let three of us labour alone; encourage us by sending to our aid at least one missionary in the spring."

Iowa Territory. In this new and interesting Territory, the Society has but one missionary, Brother Alexander Evans. As this Territory is but partially known, it may be proper to remark, that it has sixteen organized counties, some of which are supposed to have a population of between four and five thousand. A correspondent, who is fully entitled by his long practised observation to confidence, informs us, that "It is of essential importance that the Executive Committee should have their attention directed to this new field, ripe, fully ripe, for a glorious harvest. The population are intelligent and enterprising, and will 'go a head' in some form; and if truth does not get immediate foothold, error will. A dozen active missionaries at least, are needed in this territory. At a small expense a foundation may be laid, on which a glorious superstructure may be reared. Population at the rate of two or three hundred per day, are coming in. I have never before seen a country, in so short a space of time, turned from a wilderness into fine farms. What a field for cultivation!"

The entire population of the Territory is estimated at twenty-five thousand souls, and we are informed by a resident correspondent, that there is but one Baptist preacher in it, and he is located two hundred and fifty miles south of his residence. Several families, who removed thither three or four years since, have heard but one sermon from a Baptist preacher in all that time. The Committee have been solicited to make appointments to Iowa, but neither the funds in the treasury, nor the prospect of funds to be supplied, has been such as to admit of their compliance.

At Dubuque, to which we have been solicited to appoint a missionary, the population is about one thousand in town, and the country is thickly settled. In this vicinity, we are told, there are about twenty members. Our correspondent says, "We think a pious and energetic brother of our faith and order, could do much; the people are favourable to the Baptist cause, and ask why we do not form a church; but we can only answer, we have no leader; we have no one to bind us into a bond of brotherhood, and to preach unto us the words of eternal life."

Brother A. Evans, your missionary, has baptized several persons at different places in the field of his labours; which is necessarily for the present, in the absence of auxiliaries, too large to permit him to devote much labour to any one place. He considers his congregations good, and has been much engaged in "visiting and trying to soothe the sorrows of the sick bed, with the consolations of the gospel." It is probably not to be expected that we shall reap much from this field of lively promise, until we sow more bountifully the good seed. When, dear brethren, shall we awake to the increasing importance of the great work of

preaching Jesus Christ to the great and rapidly increasing population of our country, and of the provinces in its vicinity?

Upper Canada. In this province, the Society have eight missionaries. Very serious interruptions of their labours, and limitations of their success, have been suffered, in consequence of the political and warlike troubles, which have afflicted the province. Yet so far as circumstances permitted, our brethren have prosecuted their labours with zeal, although, amidst many discouragements. In many instances the great anxiety produced by the horrors of war, by the disruption or suspension of business, in connexion with the relaxation of morals, not easily avoided, in a state of actual warfare, have caused religion to languish. Alarmed by the dangers of war, many have sought a more secure abode, and thus by removal, the churches and congregations are weakened. The Upper Canada Baptist Magazine, a useful periodical, which was issued by their Convention, is for the present suspended. In this portion of the great field occupied by the Society, the evil influence of Romanism, is in some instances severely felt; and in all, so far as it obtains, it prevents inquiry, and substituting a blind and bigoted attachment to error, for the light and love of truth, it leads the deluded votary on in darkness, to an inextricable depth in pravity and wo. With this evil, whose name is monster, and the cognomen of whose multitudinous agencies is legion, our brethren in Upper Canada have to contend.

In consequence of the absence of brother William Rees, the agent of the Society, on a voyage to England, brother John Oakley, was appointed to the agency in Upper Canada. He entered upon the duties of his agency, travelled extensively among the churches, and from house to house, exciting the brethren to an increased activity, but was not privileged to find the churches in a gratifying state of religious improvement, or, much disposed by the contribution of their means, to sustain those exertions in which as a people they had engaged. This is justly attributable to the general paralysis, which has been produced by the war. He found the destitution great, and the desire for missionaries prevalent and anxious.

One of our correspondents informs us of a very agreeable state of things at Toronto. He says, "Our church is growing in grace, and in the knowledge of Jesus Christ; and their works of faith and labours of love are more abundant. Our Sabbath school classes are increasing, and the children are making progress in the knowledge of divine things. Our congregation still continues as large as usual, and we hope, truth is making impressions on their minds, never to be eradicated."

The Committee think that our brethren here, have peculiar claims on our sympathy, prayers, and benefactions. These arise out of their local circumstances, their being subjected to

public commotion; from the imperfection of their denominational organization, and their consequent defective co-operation, and, from the very low state of religion among them. Although, not of our own nation, they are our near neighbours, speak our language, and belong to the household of faith. In their midst are souls ready to perish, equally precious with those of others; let us then, continue and abound in the work of preaching Jesus Christ to them, as the way of life.

Lower Canada. During the year, the Society have had seven missionaries in Lower Canada. These, with a single exception, have been sustained by the Vermont Baptist State Convention. Of the six missionaries sustained by the Convention, five have laboured in this province the entire year, and brother Jonathan Baldwin, about four months. He subsequently performed the duties of a collecting agency, in Vermont, for the Convention. These brethren labour under the direction of the Convention. As we are but poorly advised about the operations of our brethren in Lower Canada, we avail ourselves of the report of our auxiliary, the Convention in the State of Vermont. The Lower Canada mission, now includes nine churches, two of which have been organized during the past year. These nine churches, contain upwards of four hundred members, and exert a very salutary influence in the places where they are located. Some of these churches will need aid for several years; others will soon sustain themselves. Your Lower Canada missionaries, besides organizing two churches, have ordained one evangelist, and baptized about twenty persons. They all speak of the unfavourable influence, arising from political excitement, which has greatly impeded their labours.

Brother Peter Chase is sustained by the parent Society, for a limited period, in this Province. He listened to the repeated solicitations of his destitute brethren, and said that they must have help. As brother Chase was but recently appointed, we are not yet advised of his labours. With the anticipated return of political tranquillity, the probability of larger measures of success in the Province, will encourage our brethren to redouble their exertions, and we trust a gracious Providence will mete out to them a large reward, in the promotion and enjoyment of religion, and in the salvation of souls.

DEPUTATION TO ENGLAND.

Brother William Rees, of Brantford, Upper Canada, and brother James Johnston, of Drummondsville, of the same Province, having been deputed by the Upper Canada Baptist Convention, to England, to solicit funds for the establishment of a literary and theological Institution at Beamesville, in that Province, they visited New York, about the middle of July, ultimo, and

made known to the Executive Committee the object of their mission to England. Providential circumstances prevented brother Johnston from embarking, and induced him to return to Canada. The Executive Committee, fully apprized of the great importance of supplying the Canadas with an intelligent and pious ministry, which should be educated in that country, went into the consideration of the subject, to promote which, the deputation had been sent to them. They were gratified to learn, that the liberality of brother John Beames, of Beamesville, had induced him to offer the Baptist denomination a hundred acres of land, suitably situated for the purpose of erecting and sustaining a literary and theological Institution, if means could be obtained to accomplish that object. Believing, that it is desirable to secure the above property to the cause of ministerial education in Canada, the Committee entertained the subject of the deputation, with peculiar interest; and brother Charles G. Sommers, a member of the Executive Committee, was affectionately and earnestly desired to associate himself with the deputation, as a representative of the American Baptist Home Mission Society; believing, that should the deputation be successful, it would secure the promotion of sound knowledge, and pure religion in the British dependencies in North America.

Brother Sommers, complied with the solicitation of the Committee, and the deputation embarked for England; and conducted by Him, who holds and controls the winds and the waves of the ocean, arrived safely.

Upon their arrival, our brethren were kindly received by the brethren upon whom they called; and they were afforded an opportunity of presenting the object of their mission to the Committee of the Baptist Canadian Mission Society, in London. That Committee felt so much interest in the deputation, as kindly to entertain the propositions which our brethren respectfully presented to them; and the Committee issued a printed circular, addressed to the denomination in England, to excite their united liberality in behalf of the contemplated Institution at Beamesville. The circular says, "that the Canadas have peculiar claims, and that christians in this country, (England,) ought deeply to feel the urgent nature of the present appeal, admits not of a question;" and affectionately recommends the object which the deputation sought to promote, to the churches throughout the land.

Brother Sommers, having fully performed the service contemplated in his appointment, returned to his pastoral avocations, and to his official duties as an officer of the American and Foreign Bible Society. He left brother Rees to carry out in detail the business of the deputation. As in its introduction, this had been welcomed by the London Committee, and had received a public expression of their warm commendation, every thing

looked auspicious ; but the political perturbations in Canada soon ensued ; and brother Rees returned to the United States.— There is, however, reason to believe, that an impression was made upon the minds of our brethren, in Great Britain, favourable alike to the cause of American Home Missions, and of ministerial education. It may be proper here to observe, that, as our brethren in England, are the well known, enlightened, and liberal friends of intelligence ; and more particularly, of intelligence connected with piety, holding forth its light upon the pathway of the bewildered and benighted, and guiding them to Jesus Christ and to heaven ; and, as in this instance, these advantages are sought for the people of their own Province, the hope is still indulged, that at an early day, propitious circumstances will give facilities to their liberality, and that in the name of the God of Israel, they will arise and build.

APPLICATIONS FOR AID.

Of these the Committee have received a large number, with which in consequence of their limited funds, they have been under the disagreeable necessity of refusing to comply. It would have been to them, a most felicitous circumstance, if the state of their treasury had admitted of their ready and generous compliance. Indeed, convinced as they are, of the importance of several States in our own happy confederacy, in which the Society has few, or no missionaries, it has given them pain, that they have not been able to respond to their requests for appropriations, with such a degree of liberality, as is demanded by the destitution of their brethren, and fellow citizens. The Committee sympathize with their brethren ; their sensibilities have been frequently excited, when, in reply to most imploring requests for aid to support a minister in towns, counties, or even larger sections of country, in which in some instances, there was no preaching, they have been under the necessity of saying, our funds are exhausted ; we cannot assist you. Conceive to yourselves brethren, the little band in the far West, having heard of the Society, hope is enkindled, that although they dwell far from the house of God, they may yet be permitted to hear the gospel. They assemble together, form a prayer meeting to ask of God a minister. They address a letter to the Society ; the time for the hoped for reply approaches ; every mail is watched, examined ; it is an hour of thrilling interest ; the eye sparkles, the bosom heaves with hope ; the letter arrives, the seal is broken, the heart palpitates between hope and fear, the letter is read, and sadness is diffused throughout an entire region, because they are not permitted to hear of heaven ; and they fear they may not learn the way.

TEXAS.

There is something in the commencement of national existence, involving as it does, the weal or woe of a large number of individuals, that gives it a supreme importance; and presents to philanthropic desire and effort, every thing which is precious in human life, attainment, or happiness. In the birth of a nation, it is both natural and amiable, that large portions of the species regard the last born with an intensity of interest, which is multiplied into the opportunities which are afforded of doing them good. When therefore, a nation just in the attitude of assuming its place in the family of civil communities, is willing to receive, and earnestly implores, the best means of moulding itself to the noblest degrees of exalted virtue, it is a felicitous circumstance. That Texas has sought from the Society the gospel ministry, is publicly known. Your Committee felt no indifference on this subject. It was arranged last autumn, that a well known and experienced pioneer, in the service of the Society, brother David Orr, of Arkansas, should visit Texas.—For the performance of this important duty, he made his arrangements, but was nevertheless, as he believes, providentially prevented from going thither.

To this country, if the denomination should place the necessary funds in the treasury, the Society will doubtless feel pleasure in sending the ministers of reconciliation. An early and liberal effort in its behalf, might not only be effectual, with regard to the generations which are to construct its future greatness, but may also give to the cause of missions an enlightened, and a mighty auxiliary in the work of evangelizing the nations. Such an attempt to preach the gospel in Texas in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, would be instrumental in the salvation of souls, and would thus find an infinite reward.

TREASURY.

The Committee avail themselves of this opportunity, to express their gratitude to their numerous benefactors and auxiliaries, to whom they have during the past year, been indebted for means to sustain the operations of the Society. They think, their appropriations have been productive of great practical utility. It is not conceived to be incompatible with this expression of grateful acknowledgment, to say, that the various and imperious calls, which are constantly reaching us from the different parts of the wide field of the Society's operations, demand a much larger sum than has ever been placed at our disposal. From the piety and intelligence, the zeal and liberality of the denomination, the induction is as natural, and easy, as it is pleasant, to conclude, that our treasury will be replenished and increased. It will give the Committee great pleasure to see all

the friends of the Society making full proof of the soundness of this induction. As the ability of the Society to be useful, is, so far as the appointment and support of the missionaries is concerned, resolved into its pecuniary ability; and as they cannot preach unless they be sent, it will be perceived, that the continuance and enlargement of the Society's operations, depends essentially on the liberality of its friends. As it would be presumptuous to hope to do good, without attempting to do it, and as the attempt cannot be made, without the necessary means, the subject of supplying our treasury adequately, is of primary consequence. We know our brethren are too much attached to the promulgation of the gospel, to relax in their exertions to send it to every creature. Our hope and confidence rest on the promises of God, to whom belong the silver and the gold; on the good to be achieved in publishing the gospel; and, on the magnanimous liberality of a people, who having in modern times been first in the cause of missions, will never desert it.

The Treasurer's Report, herewith submitted to the Society, renders any particularity in our statement in this place unnecessary. We refer you to that report, for the amount received and disbursed since the last anniversary of the Society.

TRACTS.

Your Committee feel an enlarged confidence, in the great practical utility of these excellent publications. With great plainness of speech, yet with a neatness, which is frequently exchanged, for the highest accomplishments of eloquence and of style, they embody those arguments which present the force of truth to the mind; they are, therefore, adapted to render the most important subjects pleasing, and to persuade men to believe in Christ. The missionaries of the Society, have felt great pleasure in the circulation of these messengers of truth. In consequence, however, of very limited facilities, with which to procure them, they have been in some instances, confined in this branch of their useful labours to the small quantities which they could afford to purchase. This was a subject of regret.

During the current year, the American Tract Society, has with a munificent liberality, placed at the disposal of the Society for distribution by its missionaries, *six hundred and fifty thousand pages of its tracts*. The orders for these have been generously furnished, and as they have been forwarded, they have been put into circulation; except in such instances as denied our brethren the opportunity of availing themselves of this advantage, by the great distances at which they laboured from a depository.

To the Baptist General Tract Society, we have again been indebted for a very liberal grant of tracts. We have deeply to re-

gret, that the difficulty of transmitting them to our missionaries, has prevented us from putting into circulation these very useful auxiliaries to the mission cause. Our brethren did not specify the number of pages for which we were allowed to be indebted to them, but left the demands of the cause, and our facilities to comply with them, to define the measure of their liberality in this instance of its exercise.

Our missionaries have, in their correspondence generally and gratefully acknowledged the very timely and generous aid thus afforded them. While we respectfully tender to these Societies our acknowledgments, we express the hope, that the community will record and hold in grateful recollection, societies which graduate their appropriations to the requisitions of a population already large, yet rapidly increasing; surrounded by dangers, and threatened with death. We hope that the lovers of liberality will take care, that as these societies have devised liberal things, they may by liberal things stand.

The Committee also gratefully acknowledge the receipt, by their deputation to England, of three volumes of the *Missionary Herald*, three volumes of the *Periodical Accounts*, and one volume of *News from Afar*, the gift of the Baptist Missionary Society in London.

They have placed them on their shelves, and consider them an acquisition.

CONCLUSION.

1. In concluding this report, we solicit you to continue and abound in the work of Home Missions, because the religion of Christ, which you are seeking to promote, contains the principle of a boundless improvement, and conducts us to a moral elevation so high, that the transitions from glory to glory, are made by the Spirit of God.

In making these great attainments, that is, in passing from all that is sinful and pernicious, to the possession of holiness, and of every useful acquisition, the best talents are most usefully employed, while the amiable and lovely virtues receive their appropriate exercise, and multiplying themselves into every degree of holy attainment, which is given to diligence and prayer, they shine with a lustre, which is never surpassed, even in the "way of life, which is to the wise above, that he may escape from hell beneath." True it is, that the vale of death lies stretched out before us in unmeasured extent. It is also true, that standing amidst the dead, we see that they are "very many and very dry:" yet prophesying in the name of the Lord, even the dead arise and live before Him.

Religion is the great purifier of civil society; it cannot co-exist with impurity. It is the great principle of a noble moral action; it cannot dwell with inertia. Beginning with the pu-

rification of the heart, it extends its holy influence to all the faculties, and adorns the life, by advancing it to the utmost improvability allowed to our nature. Publish then, this blessed system, until life and purity descend from heaven, animate the breasts and distinguish the lives of our fellow men; and constitute our country the joy of the whole earth, the paradise in which God converses and dwells with men.

3. To a continuance in this work with indefatigable zeal, we are strongly solicited, by the existence of well adapted means for its advancement.

The treasures of Potosi and Peru, the physical and moral world, the human family, the persons, the souls, the resources of men, all belong to the Most High God, the possessor of heaven and earth. They are His, by the most original, and indefeasible right; the right by creation; to which no right can be prior, or superior. Having purposed the salvation of sinners by Jesus Christ, He will employ the foolishness of preaching to make them acquainted with the doctrines of the cross, and sustain this ministry by every necessary means.

The employment of means does not interfere with the Sovereignty of God, in the salvation of men. When Peter preached on the day of Pentecost, and the assembly heard him gladly, neither his preaching, nor their hearing, prevented the descending influence of the Holy Spirit, which, having turned them to the Prince Messiah, moved them with one consent to be baptized, and to be steadfast in Christ. When the Ethiopian listened to the preaching of Philip, or, when Lydia attended to the things which Paul said, no interposing influence denied the presence of the finger of God, to open the heart in the latter case, nor to prevent the gift of faith in the former, to a child of Ethiopia. On the contrary, in these, and in similar instances, the connexion of the means which were used, with the result which ensued, was so immediate and appropriate, as to show an interesting relationship between them, the result of a Divine and firmly established organization. We believe it has never been suspected, that the husbandman, in committing his seed to the prepared earth, in obedience to a law of Providence, which is everywhere recognised, opposed such law by sowing, although it were bountifully; nor, by waiting in hope of harvest, although it were promised.

We conclude in the language of a great writer, "that in both the material and intellectual system, *God works by means*, and that according to a settled order of Divine administration." As God has made "the universe His magazine of means," let the missionary host go forth over the length and breadth of the land; thankful, that means exist so simple, that all may understand them; so numerous, that they may be found everywhere; and so well adapted to accomplish the noblest end, that even feebleness may publish the gospel, until it becomes the power of God to salvation.

3. Allow us to urge your continuance in this work, with a reliance upon the Spirit of God for success.

It is no part of the work which God requires us to perform, that we go forth in the spirit of the self-sufficient. If in that spirit, we attempt to publish the gospel, we oppose it; and by our unskilfulness, and unfaithfulness, expose it to those who are opposed to missions. It ought to excite no surprise therefore, if we are rebuked and defeated, that we may learn that pride is our weakness. If in the work of Home Missions, there is such a reliance upon the Spirit of God, as that work demands, we will ask, and He will give us his Spirit.

This is a subject on which an American Home Mission Society may dwell with propriety, as in modern times, it has pleased God in this country, to give His Spirit to His children in large measures; and with remarkable frequency. This has blessed our churches with revivals, awakened the missionary flame, and excited our brethren to benevolent and holy activity. This Spirit, has already rewarded our toils; nor will his influences cease, until the missionary host goes forth into all the world, and there arises under their ministry, an exceeding great multitude; all inhaling the breath of life; all with lively gratitude, singing the praises of Him who hath redeemed them unto God by his blood. Dwelling as we do in the land of the second, the greater pentecost, and having felt its reviviscence, and shared its gifts of life and joy, let us pray for their diffusion to all men.

4. Lastly, the encouragements to duty, and the assurance of success, which the Scriptures present, furnish unspeakably strong inducements to preach the gospel to the poor and destitute.

This cannot but be agreeable to God, for he has commanded that it be preached to all men, and blesses its faithful ministration. Of this, the proof is given in those blessed revivals, which have constituted the best of this world's days, in the prosperity of the churches, and in the triumph of truth. The truth shall be conducted to victory, by a power which nothing can vanquish. The spirit of missions which is the Spirit of God, acting upon the ministration of the gospel, is mighty and will prevail. He will make the gospel the medium of eternal life to a countless multitude of souls, and in the language of an orator of our own country, "it will take hold of both poles, it will seize the nadir and grasp the zenith," it will take and keep possession of the world, until its history shall be complete and its days are numbered; until the Prince Messiah shall come in the clouds of heaven, and occupy the throne of infinite dominion.

JOHN C. MURPHY, *Secretary.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The AMERICAN BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY, in acc't with R. W. MARTIN,
Treasurer.

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To amount paid on drafts to Missionaries, Agents, and Secretaries, since last Report	\$12,092 22		
" Postages, exchanges, and travelling expenses	616 68		
" Printing last Report, Quarterly Paper and Certificates	351 65		
" To rent of office	225 00		
" To Loans paid off	4,400 00		
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By Receipts from State Conventions, Societies, Individuals, &c.			
Maine, donations from individuals		\$93 92	
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New-Jersey, from Individuals and churches			538 08
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District of Columbia do do			232 00
Ohio do do			472 22
North Carolina do do			244 17
South Carolina do do			1180 80
Georgia do do			146 00
Mississippi and Alabama do do			1338 50
Tennessee do do			301 85
Illinois do do			72 00
Kentucky do do			53 75
Missouri do do			100 00
Upper Canada do do			16 00
Annual Meeting, collection and donations			249 46
Loans and Discounts			3,375 79
Various sources unknown			146 49
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CIRCULAR TO MISSIONARIES.

Beloved Brethren—It is expected that you will pay particular regard to the third article of your Commissions, which relates to quarterly reports. Without such reports, we shall feel ourselves under no obligation to accept your drafts, as stated in the fifth article of said Commission.

In preparing your *annual* reports, which we shall expect to receive by the 1st of April, or earlier, you are respectfully requested to notice the following particulars in their order:—

1. How many months will you have laboured for the Society on the 1st of April, during the then preceding twelve months?
2. How many churches, congregations, or preaching stands, have you supplied?
3. How many churches assisted in organizing? What their names?
4. How many ministers assisted to ordain? their names?
5. How many have been added to your churches by baptism? by letter?
6. Are there others hopefully converted who have not already made an open profession? how many?
7. To what benevolent institutions do your people contribute? What the aggregate amount?
8. How many tracts have you distributed? What do you think of their usefulness among your people?
9. What is the state of your Sabbath schools and Bible classes—of temperance and other moral and religious societies? What number of Sabbath school scholars?
10. What is your impression as to the general progress of the cause of Christ in your region, and of the usefulness of the Home Mission Society, so far as you have observed?

In addition to the above, please narrate any striking cases of conversions or interesting incidents—the number of sermons you have preached—miles travelled—meeting-houses built, or such other matter as your journals may supply.

In order that these reports may reach us by the first of April, it is necessary that they be mailed by the 15th of March, and in cases of great distance, by the 1st of March. We hope that during the current year no brother will fail promptly to comply with our request.

MEMBERSHIP.

An Annual Member, an annual contribution.

A Member for Life, by the payment of \$30, or more.

A Director for Life, by the payment of \$100, or more.

FORM OF A REQUEST TO THE SOCIETY.

I give unto the Treasurer, for the time being, of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, formed in the city of New-York, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-two, the sum of _____ dollars, for the purposes of said Society, and for which the receipt of such Treasurer shall be a sufficient discharge.

This Report is sent to churches and friends of the Society *gratuitously*; those into whose hands it may fall, are respectfully and earnestly requested to secure for it as extensive a circulation as possible.

The Treasurers of Conventions, Associations, and of Missionary Societies; and the pastors of all Baptist churches are respectfully solicited to facilitate the transmission of moneys to our Treasurer.

BAPTIST STATE CONVENTIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS.

The clerks of State Conventions, and the clerks of Associations, are respectfully requested to transmit to the Corresponding Secretary copies of their minutes.

NOTICE TO EDITORS.

By a resolution of the Executive Committee, adopted on the 23d of May, 1832, the editors of periodicals published under the charge of the Baptist denomination, were authorized to insert in their publications as *original matter*, all such communications as may appear in *any* one of them, under the sanction of the Executive Committee.